

Council on Postsecondary Education
February 4, 2002

Executive Summary

2. Are more students enrolling?
3. Are more students advancing through the system?

Last week we sent you the fall 2001 enrollment report. Since 1998, enrollment has grown by 25,276: public universities and KCTCS by 22,461; independent colleges and universities by 2,815. The system now enrolls over 210,000 students. You set a goal increasing undergraduate enrollment by 80,000 by the year 2020. We are more than one-fourth of the way there now and think we can reach your goal by 2015.

We shall bring you a more detailed status report on enrollment and other key indicators at the March meeting.

KYVU spring registration is ongoing. The KYVU estimates an enrollment of 6,000, up from 3,200 for spring semester 2001 and from 5,500 for fall semester 2001. The majority of KYVU's students are provided by the KCTCS.

We still are analyzing the enrollment and hiring data submitted by the institutions to assess their progress in meeting the goals of *The 1997-2002 Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities*, which promotes compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. These data are used to determine whether institutions are eligible to start new programs in the coming year. We shall bring a report to the February meeting.

A brief summary of actions being taken to implement the commitments of the partnership agreement with the Office for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education begins on page 29. We are making good progress. The colleges and universities are starting or continuing innovative programs to enroll and hire more African Americans, and to meet other objectives. The Office for Civil Rights has told us that it is pleased with the achievements made by each university as described in status reports submitted by Kentucky in August 2000 and July 2001.